Morton Grove Public Library

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From the Librarian's desk . . . .

In May, the Northern Illinois Public Opinion Lab conducted a citizens survey to find out how Morton Grove residents perceive and use Library resources. Four hundred forty-five residents graciously participated in the telephone survey. In addition to yes/no responses, many residents made comments that will be invaluable as the library plans its future directions. Your positive responses indicate, to paraphrase Sally Field as she accepted a 1985 Oscar award — "You like us, you like us." We're pleased as punch!

Seventy percent of those surveyed said that they or members of their families have valid Morton Grove library cards. The local library card is particularly valuable because it gives you access to almost all libraries throughout the state of Illinois.

We still have work to do, however. Nearly 25% of the respondents stated that they have not visited the library in the past year. Of these, 62% said they have had no need for library services. Our goal is to acquaint more of the community with our broad range of facilities and services as a means of initiating usage by current non-users.

Questions were also asked concerning awareness of various library services other than books. Eighty-four percent of the respondents are aware that we have copy machines, 69% know that thay can borrow videotapes, 66% know we have sound recordings (records, cassettes, CDs) and 60% know that we provide tax forms. I'm sure this last figure will please the IRS!

The question, "Are there any other reasons you haven't visited the library," provoked one of the more interesting responses:

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Celebrate the holidays with Freddie Fischer's Schnickelfritzers!

By popular request, this year's Holiday Travelogue will again feature *Freddie Fischer and His Schnickelfritzers* on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30. Freddie's trio will play German and holiday music, including an audience sing-along.

Travel films on Germany and Austria will also be shown and refreshments will complete the program. The same films will be shown at 11:30 am and free coffee and cookies will be served.

Positive solutions to hearing loss

In recognition of Deaf Heritage Month, the Morton Grove Public Library will present a special program for the hard-of-hearing, their families and friends, on Saturday, December 3, at 1:00.

The program will open with an entertaining presentation by *Kigam, the Silent Magician*, who is really Kim Zimmerman, a deaf young man who performs a unique entertainment for his audience. He will be assisted by interpreter Nicki Weigel.

Following his presentation will be Dario Popowych, an audiologist with the North Side Audiology Group, who will speak on *Positive Solutions to Hearing Loss*. Her lecture will also be interpreted for the deaf by signer Nicki Weigel. She will demonstrate some of the latest equipment for the hard-of-hearing and will answer questions from the audience.

The program will conclude with refreshments, and we invite anyone with a hearing problem, whether it be serious or slight, to come and enjoy the afternoon and learn about the available services and equipment for the deaf.

Holiday hours

In addition to Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, the Library will be closed the following days for the holidays: Sunday, Dec. 18; Christmas Eve, Dec. 24; Christmas Day, Dec. 25; Monday, Dec. 26 (national holiday for Christmas); New Year's Day, Jan. 1; and Monday Jan. 2 (national holiday for New Year's Day). The Library will be open Saturday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) from 9-5.

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"No girls there." While we want to respond to community needs, I doubt there's much we can do to meet this challenge!

The Library Board and staff thank you for your support throughout the past year and wish all of you a happy holiday season.

Sharron L. McCoy, Acting Director

Compact disc restrictions removed

At their September meeting, the Board of Library Trustees voted to remove the borrowing restrictions on compact discs and audio cassettes. Patrons may now borrow more than three CDs and/or cassettes, and they are no longer limited to Morton Grove patrons. The Library's collection of these two material types has now grown to the point where the restrictions, which were originally imposed to make them available to as many patrons as possible, are no longer necessary.

Where do you park?

The Library would like to remind all patrons that the large parking lot behind the Library (to the north) belongs to St. Martha's Church. Library patrons may park in the lot, but only when St. Martha's school is not in session: weekends, evenings, and school days after 2:30. Weekday mornings and early afternoons, the lot is used by St. Martha's students for recess and gym classes. When the yellow barricades are up at the parking lot entrances, Library patrons should park either in the Library's own spaces on the north and east of the building, or on Lincoln, Georgiana or School streets. Both the Library and St. Martha's appreciate your following these guidelines.

Cures for your videotape problems

Library patrons borrow nearly 1,000 videotapes in an average month, and every month a dozen or more are returned with complaints that they didn't work well. Usually the problem is snow or lines on the screen. Yet when these "problem" tapes are played on the Library's VCR or on the VCRs of Library staff members, virtually all of them work fine, leading us to believe that the problem lies in the patron's VCR or TV.

If you have a problem with a Library video, see if the problem also exists when playing one of your own tapes. If so, the problem is in your VCR or TV. If not, try adjusting the tracking control of your VCR while playing the Library tape. This often removes interference caused by the copy-protection methods used on commercial videotapes. (It should also be pointed out that the copying of commercial videotapes is a violation of federal copyright law, and can damage both the tape and your VCR.)

Also remember that videotapes can be damaged by heat and magnetic fields. They should not be left in parked cars or other hot places, and should not be placed near any device that generates a magnetic field, such as a television or stereo speaker.

The Library is pleased to be able to provide videotape service to our patrons. Following the guidelines above should increase your enjoyment of Library videos. If, after following the trouble-shooting tips in the second paragraph, you still have an un-watchable tape, please report the problem when you return the video.

In the Baxter Room

Antiques

Jim Maurey, owner of *The Pennsylvania Dutchmen Antique Shop* in Chicago, will again entertain and educate when he talks about antiques on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7:30. The audience is invited to bring small articles from their attics for Jim to evaluate.

November travelogue

The Netherlands will be visited in a travelogue on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 11:30 and 7:30. The beauty of Holland's flowers, buildings, canals and people will be shown, followed by refreshments. In addition, Milton Shober will speak about his trip to Amsterdam and his Elderhostel experiences there.

Tuesday film series

The documentary film series, ***The Christians***, will continue on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in November and December. This rich tableau of history will cover the devastation of the Roman Empire, the relationship between Christianity and Islam, the Crusades, the discovery of the New World, and the Renaissance in Florence.

Book Discussion

Don't forget Book Discussion on the 2nd Friday of every month at 10 am. Join us for a lively presentation of the newest additions to the Library.

The hilarious film, ***Big***, starring Tom Hanks, will be shown on Monday, November 14, at 2:30 and 7:30. The film is rated PG and runs 1 hour and 45 minutes. There will be no feature film shown in December.

The following groups meet monthly or semi-monthly at the library:

Make Today Count – 1st Monday, 7:30
Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Agoraphobia Group – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
North Shore Prime Timers - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Lupus Support Group – 3rd Sunday, 1:30
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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Children's Department

Dinosaur Derby

Dinosaur Derby, a school-year-long reading program for first through sixth graders, will begin registration on Monday, Nov. 14. Each reader will be placed on a team representing a dinosaur. Scoring for books read will begin on Jan. 3. The winning team and individual high readers will be given a party after the contest ends in May, 1989.

Holiday films

The Children's Department will present a holiday program of children's films on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 10 am and 2 pm in the Baxter Room.

Children's programs

The Winter sessions of children's classes will begin **January 9**, and registration will start **December 12** for Morton Grove residents, and **Dec. 19** for non-residents.

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
January 12 through March 3
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday.....10:00am
Friday.....10:00am
Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
January 9 through February 27
Grades 1-2 Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
January 9 through March 3
Grades 1-3.....Monday 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6.....Friday 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Hour
January 9 through March 2
Please choose one of the following times for children ages 3-Kindergarten
Monday.....1:00pm
Tuesday.....10:00am
Wednesday.....10:00am
Thursday.....7:00pm
Class limit – 40

Creative Writing
January 11 through March 2
Grades 3-6.....Wednesday 4:00 pm
or Thursday 4:00 pm
Class limit - 30

What's New in the Adult Department

Fiction

Aellen, Richard - ***Redeye***
Allbeury, Ted - ***The Stalking Angel***
Armstrong, Campbell - ***White Light***
Ballard, J.G. - ***Hello America***
Byrne, Robert - ***Mannequin***
Collins, Joan - ***Prime Time***
Coonts, Stephen - ***Final Flight***
Coyle, William - ***Firestorm***
Demaris, Ovid - ***Ricochet***
Dunphy, Jack - ***The Murderous McLaughlins***
Ellroy, James - ***The Big Nowhere***
Forbath, Peter - ***The Last Hero***
Kazantzakis, Nikos - ***The Last Temptation of Christ***
Naumoff, Lawrence - ***The Night of the Weeping Women***
McMurtry, Larry - ***Anything for Billy***
Reeman, Douglas - ***In Danger's Hour***
Robinson, Leah - ***Blood Run***
Stern, Tracy - ***Longings***
Thayer, James - ***Ringer***
Thayer, Nancy - ***Spirit Lost***
Trevor, William - ***The Silence in the Garden***
Wilson, F. Paul - ***Black Wind***

Non-Fiction

Alter, Judy - ***Stretch and Strengthen; A Safe, Comprehensive Exercise Program***
Betty Crocker's Smart Cook: The Essential Everyday Cookbook
Daniloff, Nicholas - ***Two Lives, One Russia***
Dickinson, Peter - ***Retirement Edens: Outside the Sunbelt***
Forbes, Malcolm - ***They Went That-a-Way: How the Famous, the Infamous, and the Great Died***
Garney, Timothy - ***Public Sculptor: Lorado Taft and the Beautification of Chicago***
Goulder, Lois - ***The Strong Bones Diet***
Hadden, Jeffrey - ***Televangelism: Power & Politics on God's Frontier***
Jenks, James - ***Managers Caught in the Crunch***
Leahy, Michael - ***Hard Lessons: Senior Year at Beverly Hills High School***
Norman, Barry - ***The Story of Hollywood***
Quindlen, Anna - ***Living Out Loud***
Redford, Dorothy - ***Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage***
Sheehan, Neil - ***A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann & America in Vietnam***
Taraborelli, J. Randy - ***Laughing 'Till it Hurts: The Complete Life and Career of Carol Burnett***

Videos

Anna Karenina
Batteries Not Included
Beetlejuice
Cinderella
Digging Up Dinosaurs
The Magic Flute (Mozart)
Hometime Series:
Bathrooms
Decks
Furniture Refinishing
Kitchens
Vinyl Flooring
Weatherization & Insulation
Windows and Doors
Wood Flooring

Audio

Compact Discs
Beautiful Dreams - Marilyn Horne
My Favorite Works - Andre Segovia
Jeux D'Enfants - Bizet
A Love Until the End of Time - Placido Domingo
Peer Gynt - Grieg
Rhapsody in Electric Blue - Gershwin
Cassettes
Love - Leo Buscaglia
I Want to Change, But I Don't Know How - Tom Rusk
Masters of Excellence - Tom Peters
Secrets of the Universe - Wayne Dyer

Calendar of Events

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Lunchtime Movies *The Christians* 11:30 1	2	3	Baby-sitting Workshop Graduation 4:00 4	5
6	7	Travelog: ***The Netherlands*** 11:30 & 7:30 8	**Antiques** 7:30 9	Library Board Meeting 7:45 10	Book Discussion 10:00 11	12
13	Feature Film: ***Big*** 2:30 & 7:30 14	Lunchtime Movies *The Christians* 11:30 15	16	17	18	19
20	21	Lunchtime Movies 11:30 22	23	Thanksgiving Library Closed 24	(Library open 9-6) 25	26
27	28	Lunchtime Movies 11:30 29	30			

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Hanukkah 4	5	Lunchtime Movies *The Christians* 11:30 6	7	Library Board Meeting 7:45 8	Book Discussion 10:00 9	10
11	12	Holiday Travelog: ***Germany*** 11:30 & 7:30 13	14	15	16	17
Library Closed 18	19	Lunchtime Movies *The Christians* 11:30 20	21	22	23	Christmas Eve Library Closed 24
Christmas Library Closed 25	Library Closed 26	(No Lunchtime Movies) 27	28	29	Children's Holiday Film Festival 30 10:00 & 2:00	Library Open 9-5 31

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Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 - 9:00
Friday 9:00 - 6:00
Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 (Sept. - May)

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